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# Newark teachers cry foul



Lawrence Hamm of POP  
Photo by William Fraizer

By Chris Sykes

**NEWARK** — The Newark Teachers' Association is up in arms about how the cases of 65 people arraigned and prosecuted in connection with the 1989-1994 insurance fraud operation run by Dr. Carl Lichtman are being handled by the state Attorney General's Office.

Specifically, the union is questioning whether or not the defendants in the cases are being treated disproportionately because they are black. With that question in mind, the NTA held a press conference at 1 p.m. in the mansion of the Women In Support of the Million Man March.

"Is this a case of 'fighting corruption,' or is it a question of racial profiling in job suspensions and prosecutions?" asked David Hungerford, the treasurer of the NTA. "The people involved in keeping with the offense, are they gravely disproportionate?"

The list of individuals and organizations who participated in the press conference included: Frederick D. Johnson, president of WISOMMM, Inc.; Larry Hamm, chairman of the People's Organization for Progress; Ethel Sykes, president of the Newark Teachers' Association.

Hungerford said all of the African Americans with the exception of one or two Latinos, and they believe race has played a part in the prosecution and outcome of the cases, especially Vivian Decker, whose case was recently given five years in prison on charges of having received \$1,900 from Lichtman.

"Carl Lichtman submitted \$3.5 million in false claims and

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# Black legislators dispute profiling bill

**ANNAPOLIS, Md.** — Legislation requiring a state study of whether race plays a role in traffic stops in Maryland emerged from a Senate committee April 8 with just one day left in the 2000 General Assembly.

The bill would create a task force to compile records on the race and sex of drivers involved in routine traffic stops, whether a search was conducted and whether traffic stops play a beneficial role in fighting drug trafficking.

The issue of alleged race profiling by police has been caught up in a dispute among black law

makers in the Senate and House of Delegates. A bill that would require Maryland police officers to record the race, age and sex of every person they pull over in a traffic stop passed the House of Delegates, but was killed by the Senate's Judicial Proceedings Committee.

The Senate committee then approved a state bill calling for a task force study of race-based traffic stops and brought it before the Senate yesterday where it got preliminary approval. The late changes in the bill raise a possibility that it will not be approved before the session ends.

Governor Parris Glendening

is among those trying to work out the two sides. The maneuvering over the two bills reflected an escalating dispute between Delegate Howard P. Rawlings, a black Baltimore Democrat who sponsored the House bill, and his colleague from Baltimore who believes he wants to control political power in the black community.

During debate on the state budget Monday black senators assailed Rawlings for his power plays inside and outside the legislature.

The gentleman thinks he is the emperor of the African

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# The politics of Calvary

**BLACK MINISTERS' COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE 2000**  
**JUST PERMANENT INTERESTS"**  
**April 14, 2000**



Rev. Calvin Butts addresses the New Jersey Black Ministers Conference

By Chris Sykes

**NEWARK** — When Calvin Butts, the pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church took to the podium at the banquet and awards reception for the first annual New Jersey Black Ministers' Conference 2000 event on April 14, there was an air of anticipation and electricity, because no one was really sure what he was

going to say.

That being the case, no one felt disappointed afterward or during the discussion he talked about his ongoing struggle with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and the ramifications of it. Rev. Butts summed it up with an amusing anecdote about a donkey and the mayor's mansion.

"There was once this carriage that used a donkey — sometimes

called a jackson — to give rides through the park to tourists and others in and around Central Park that sat in the middle of the street," he said.

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# HUD buys guns

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — On the eve of the one year anniversary of the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo has launched a campaign to get unwanted guns off America's streets and out of our communities.

On April 18, Cuomo, on behalf of the Clinton Administration, announced the launching of BuyBack America, an unprecedented national campaign to back unwanted guns and raise awareness of gun safety.

Eighty-four communities, including Newark, have pledged to utilize HUD funds to purchase tens of thousands of unwanted firearms, hopefully reducing deaths and injuries caused by gun crimes, accidents and suicides.

Cuomo also announced the availability of additional funds to enable gun buybacks to occur in hundred more communities in the coming years.

"BuyBack America isn't just about buying back guns — it's about buying back lives that would otherwise be lost to senseless gun violence," Cuomo said.

"Frankly, we're confident that a plague that is killing our fathers and mothers, our sisters and brothers, our wives and husbands. Every gun we take off the street in Newark is one less gun that can fall into the wrong hands and kill or wound an innocent victim. I encourage more communities to join us."

Mayor Sharpe James of Newark echoed Cuomo's sentiments. He said he welcomes HUD's initiative in an area



Colonel Carson Dunbar  
Photo by Chris Sykes

is wrong, and we are currently in the process of meeting with all 2,600 troopers and letting them know there is zero tolerance for profiling or any other discriminatory behavior.

Despite Dunbar's assertions, many of the clergy and other black leaders at the conference said they are moving too slowly on reforms.

"They are not explicit in light of the contents of reports detailing the problems of racial profiling of motorists and racism and discrimination within the organization itself, more than 300 promotions were made recently."

Some of the questions were made in reference to published remarks from a high ranking officer in the trooper's department, John Hogan, who was in opposition to some of the reforms being instituted. The officer in question also defended the recent promotions the same as Dunbar, but for many that was not good enough.

"I think the comments that were made were well taken,"

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# Off-duty officer rescues 20 Newark residents from fire

By Staff Writer

**NEWARK** — An off-duty Newark Police Sergeant was recognized by the members of the Newark City Council on April 19 for leading 20 people to safety from a fire that occurred early in the morning of April 15.

Sergeant Joseph Farina, a 14-year veteran assigned to the Director's Office Fleet Management Section, was presented with a resolution at the council's regularly scheduled meeting at the behest of at large council member Beverly Santiago.

The bravest exhibitor of the Newark Police Department, said Police Director Joseph J. Santiago.

"He certainly has gone not only above and beyond the call of duty of a police officer, but of an unselfish human being."

Santiago said Farina disre-

garded his own personal safety to save many lives, and because of that he is a credit to his department.

Farina's wife, Linda, said her husband's heroics are nothing new to her or their son Vinny, 8.

"He's used to being a hero," she said. "He's a hero home everyday."

While that may or may not be the case, in typical hero fashion, Farina said he doesn't know if there was anything particularly heroic about his actions; he was just doing his job.

"The real story is that the city gave him police radio," he said. "Because of that radio, we were able to get help them quick."

Farina said neither the Fire Department nor any of the other first responders were getting any credit for fighting the fire and saving lives, but they should.

"They contained the fire to the

first floor because they got there so

quick," he said.

According to police, at approximately 7:05 a.m., Sergeant Joseph Farina, a 14-year veteran of the Newark Police Department, responded to a fire alarm on Broad Street when he observed smoke in the air. As he tracked it to its source, the police said he found the residence at 49 Hill Street engulfed in smoke.

Farina immediately sprang into action, police said, and called for assistance from the Fire Department via his departmental issued radio. Then, bearing screams for help from within the building, police said he ran in through the front door and was met with a wall of smoke.

Police said Farina valiantly pulled two men out through the front door of the occupied dwelling and took them to safety across the street. One of the two people he rescued was severely burned and is currently listed in critical condition at St. Barnabas Hospital, police said.

Farina's attention was then drawn to the fire escape on either side of the building, where he observed more than seven people who had been unable to get the fire escape ladder down. He responded by piling garbage under the ladder, jumped up, grabbed a hand, jumped on the ladder, and with his weight, pulled it down to the open position so that the people could climb out.

Farina then continued to climb down who was frozen with shock. He did the same thing on the other fire escape, bringing over 20 people to safety.

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where everyone can do a little more.

"The city of Newark is proud to join with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and other municipalities around the nation in America's Gun BuyBack initiative," he said.

In addition to Newark, the other Jersey cities participating in the initiative are Union City, Bayonne, Paterson, Millville, East Orange, and Hoboken. Each of the cities has a housing authority and receives a varying amount of funding from HUD to participate in the initiative.

Tom Mauser, the father of slain Columbine student Daniel Mauser, joined Cuomo in the initiative. Mauser, who has taken a leave of absence from his job and is working full-time to reduce gun violence with the group SAFE Colorado, has become an outspoken advocate for the cause. SAFE stands for "Safe Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic."

"I welcome this buyback program because it is an effective way of eliminating guns from our communities," Mauser said. "Many of our institutions and leaders need to do their part to help us reduce the terrible problem of gun violence in our country."

Cuomo was also joined by Assemblyman Mike Flynn and Senator John Corcoran, who co-chaired the first HUD-funded buyback during the April 8 weekend. He was also joined by mayors whose cities will conduct their first HUD-funded buybacks as part of BuyBack America in the future.

## Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

CLARK — Community Access Unlimited will hold its Sixteenth Annual Awards Night Celebration at 6 p.m. For further information, call Gail F. Kross at (908) 364-3640 ext. 275.

MONTCLAIR — Spence-Chapin Services for Special Children is sponsoring an informative meeting about "African-American Infant Adoption at 6 p.m. For further information, call (973) 275-1212.

MAHWAH — Renowned Writer John Edgar Wideman To Speak At Ramapo College from 4-6 p.m. in the Sharp Theater at the Belkin Center for the Performing and Visual Arts.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27  
(THROUGH APRIL 29TH)

MONTCLAIR — The Institute for the Humanities at Montclair State University presents an international three-day conference entitled "Black Thought and Movements in World History," featuring Professor Moifi Keite Asante of Temple University beginning at 5:30 p.m. For further information, call (973) 655-7516.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

TRENTON — Annual Granville Academy Graduation Dinner beginning 5:45 p.m. For further information, call (609) 393-3229.

NEWARK — Public Partnership sponsor Career and Job Fair from 12-4 p.m. For further information, contact Robert S. Kaplan at (973) 622-7900, ext. 3106.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

NEWARK — Garden State Ballet School holds Summer Scholarship Tryouts. For further information, call (973) 623-1033.

PATERSON — Celebrity song mentors Ray, Goodman and Brown will perform a benefit concert at Masonic Temple at 10 p.m. For further information, call (973) 389-0111 or 904-0080.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

ASBURY PARK — Event/ShoreCats at Convention Hall. For further information, call (732) 775-2100.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

MAHWAH — 100 Employees To Attend Job Fair At Ramapo College from 12-2:30 p.m. For further information, call Jeremy Winter at the Cahill Center at Ramapo College at (201) 684-7443.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

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NEWARK — Jersey Cares Invites Community To Jersey Cares Day: A Day Of Volunteering And Community Service. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., volunteer service time is at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For further information, call (973) 644-4952.

NEWARK — Historic Home offers unique view of New Jersey's History. Liberty Hall museum opens at 11 a.m. For further information, contact Bill Schrot at (908) 927-0400.

MONDAY, MAY 8

MADISON — St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center of Madison and North Branch announces its second annual statewide Pet Food Drive. For further information, contact Karen G. Vanessa at (908) 719-7700, or Elizabeth McConkie at (973) 377-7094.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

TRENTON - Kids In Concert at the War Memorial Theater at 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Mary Winkler at (973) 624-1815 ext. 22.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

ASBURY PARK — Weird Al Yankovic will be performing at the Paramount Theatre. For further information, call (732) 775-2100.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Paramount Theater is hosting a Gospel Concert. For more information, call (732) 775-2100.

PLAINFIELD — New Jersey's hotly contested Seventh Congressional District has scheduled a candidates forum, at 2 p.m. For further information, call (908) 575-5848.

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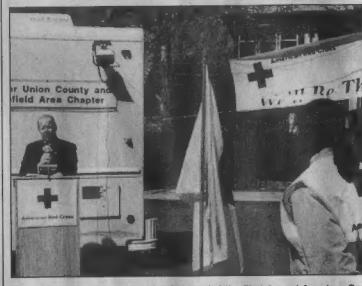
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### Salute to Gordon Parks



The Reel Harlem Film Foundation presents its inaugural Gordon Parks award to the legendary man for whom it is named at the foundation's kick-off event at Aron Davis Hall recently. From left: Emcee Ossie Davis, Parks, Byron Lewis of UniWorld Group, Reginald Scott, the Director of the Reel Harlem Film Foundation, and Voza Rivers, member of the foundation Board of Directors all smiles at the event.

### Bollwage aids Red Cross



Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, left, attended the First Annual American Red Cross Open House held by the Greater Union County - Plainfield Area Chapter in Elizabeth. Bollwage lauded the dedication of the Red Cross volunteers who signed a proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Awareness Month. Joining Bollwage were members of both the Red Cross Board of Directors and the local Red Cross Chapter in Elizabeth.

### DeSalvo reads at NJCU



Author Louise DeSalvo (right), memoirist and biographer, read excerpts from her books at New Jersey City University as part of a campus series on "The Memoir Project." She was joined by Newark author and editor, who presented her photographs and memorabilia. In her work, from left: Kerla Watkins of Jersey City, a NJCU senior majoring in English and journalism; Brian Kelley of Bayonne, a NJCU junior majoring in English and secondary education; and Edwige Giunta, a NJCU assistant professor of English and coordinator of the series.

### E.O. Mayor Bowser celebrates



Mayor Robert L. Bowser along with his lovely wife Marilyn strike a beautiful pose at the Mayor's annual Ball held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

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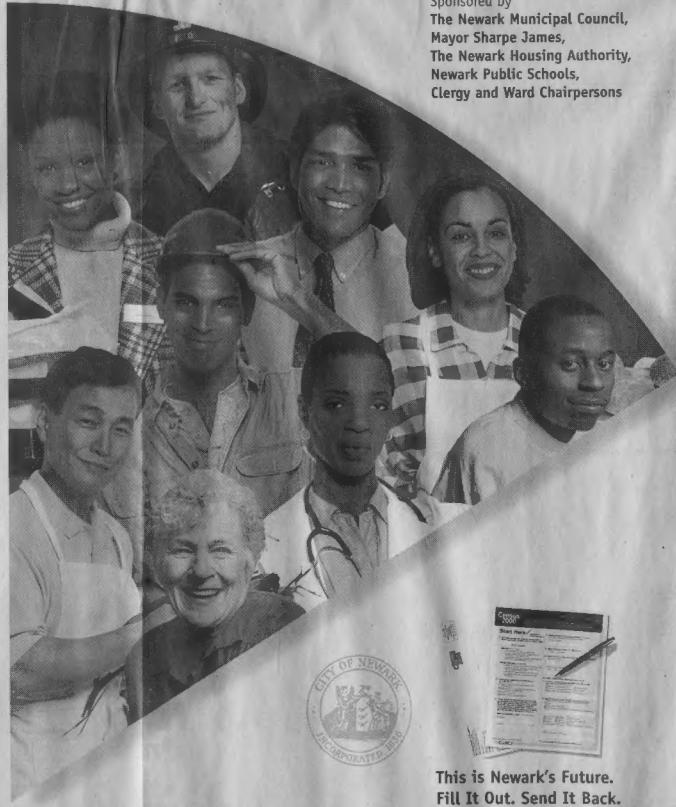
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## Anniversary week starts with church service, memorial race

By Colleen Slevin

**DAY OF HONOR 2000****PROJECT: KENNEDY FILES****RESOLUTION**

Washington, D.C. (INPPA) — The Day of Honor 2000 resolution saw an important step taken in Congress regarding its call for May 25, 2000 as a national day to honor African American, Asian American, and Latino veterans and Native American World War I Veterans.

Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy introduced the Senate's Senate calling for May 25, 2000 as a National Day of Honor. In filing the resolution, Senator Kennedy asked colleagues to support the measure for a joint resolution with the House of Representatives.

In remarks to fellow senators Kennedy said, "These men and women who have served our country were subject to unfair discrimination and have never received the recognition they deserve. This resolution has gained bipartisan support as conservatives and liberals, Republican and Democratic embrace it."

**U.S. CONGRESSMAN HASTINGS INTRODUCES BILL TO LEVEL PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN ELIAN AND HAITIAN GIRL**

Washington, D.C. (INPPA) — U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings (FL-D) is demanding an end to disparate treatment between immigrants from Cuba and those from Haiti. Hastings has introduced legislation to confer permanent residency upon a motherless Haitian girl in Connecticut.

Six year-old Sophie Tolcy was left in the care of a family friend in La Park, Florida, after her parents died. Now Congressman Hastings' bill is designed to provide Sophie with the same proposed opportunity as Cuban refugees.

"Refugees from Haiti and other countries are routinely deported, while the refugees from Cuba get special consideration under current immigration laws."

I introduced this bill not only to help this young girl, but to end the disparate treatment of refugees from different countries. We must remember what John Adams said more than 200 years ago: 'We the government, not we, not me.' Congressmen, we must do our duty. If we don't like the laws, then change them. We can't create loopholes depending on the situation. Either we stick to the law or change it."

**BUSINESSMAN MAY HAVE BLOCKED OSCAR FOR WASHINGTON**

Washington, D.C. (INPPA) — According to sources, a Port Lauderdale businessman, by the name of Cal Deal played a major role in ensuring Oscar nominees Denzel Washington and Halle Berry received an Oscar for their performances in "The Hurricane." The film tells the powerful tale of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's fight for freedom after twice being convicted of a triple murder.

Deal, who is from the same town as Washington, "I openly opposed an Oscar for Denzel Washington because of his disinterest in the film and his public endorsements of Carter."

**BLACK NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER FIRST TO HAVE SCHOOL NAMED IN HIS HONOR?**

St. Louis, AZ (INPPA) — Cloves C. Campbell Sr. may be the first African American newspaper publisher to have a school named in his honor. The St. Louis-based newspaper that Campbell has learned.

Campbell, who is scheduled to leave, has been honored in the naming of a new state-of-the-art school for children (grades K through 8) located in South Phoenix.

Campbell was Arizona's first African American named to the state senate. In that capacity, he was one of the nation's pioneers in legislation on bi-lingual education, the Martin Luther King Holiday and the first African American to serve on the board of women.

Campbell, who became publisher of the Arizona Informant in 1971, is the first African American to lead a black community where the school has been established.

The area school board voted to name the school after the school's namesake.

"I don't believe in rocking the boat," said Campbell, who currently serves on the board of directors for the Carter High School Afro-American Museum. "I believe in turning the damaged thing over to see who can swim."

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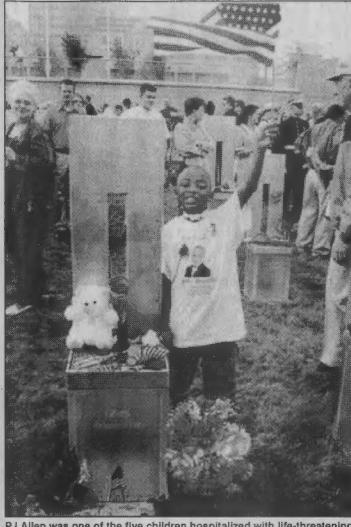
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## Remembering the Oklahoma Bombing



P. Allen was one of the five children hospitalized with life-threatening injuries following the 1995 Bombing. He is pictured standing by the chair representing victim LaKessa Richardson Levy. Levy was in the First Floor Social Security Administration Office located in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Photo by Terry Farmer

## Pressure Builds To Abolish Africa's Debt

By Farah Khan

Cape Town, South Africa (INPPA) — As over a thousand protesters gather in the United States capital recently to aggressively protest the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank's lending practices, African leaders gathered to strategize on abolishing paralyzing debts owed to Western countries in their entirety.

While American students protested with police on the streets of Washington, DC—causing that city to spend over \$5 million in crowd control—Africans half a world away took their own steps in freeing their countries of crippling western debts.

In Cape Town, to the gentle sounds of a marimba, the speaker of South Africa's parliament, Frans Giliomee, and former Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda snipped open the paper money chains holding captive a globe.

The two leaders performed the gesture symbolizing the freezing of all debts held by foreign debt at a special Sunday service at Cape Town's St. George's cathedral.

They were among a host of senior politicians from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region supporting Jubilee 2000, a campaign supporting Mozambique's for-eign debt.

The immediate, total and unconditional debt cancellation of foreign debt is key to the long-term reconstruction of the country," said ANC Member of Parliament Rob Davies in a motion before parliament.

Jubilee 2000 is a global alliance that fights for debt cancellation in the Third World. Presently, it's focusing on the Mozambique campaign after debtor nations in the North divided up Mozambique's debts despite the devastating floods that wracked what is still the world's poorest nation.

At the church service, Kaunda added, "Mozambique paid its debt to the world when it fought apartheid. It now needs the world to pay its debt to Mozambique."

Instead, Mozambique's debtors have only postponed the payments, which amount to \$1.4-million per day. "The world can never be satisfied until the debt is canceled," said Davies.

Its partners include the Anglican Archbishop, Ntshangasele Ndungane, who is as much an activist priest as his predecessor Desmond Tutu; Nelson Mandela's biography, Fatima Meer and the World Bank.

Jubilee 2000 South Africa is supported by the 1.8-million strong Congress of SA Trade Unions as well as by the NGO Coalition.

"There is an increasing convergence of political opinion on debt," says Neville Gabriel, the spokesperson of Jubilee 2000 in South Africa.

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## BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

**NEWARK** — The NJ/NJ Minority Purchasing Council will be holding its 3rd "Information Exchange," at 9 a.m. For further information, call (973) 430-6520.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Punk Conference To Explore Planning For Golden Years. Free public conference on "Aging and the Law." For further information, contact Florence Nathan at (732) 937-7518.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**NEW YORK** — Festival Productions, Inc. presents New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival! For further information, contact George Weis, CEO at (212) 496-9000.

MONDAY, MAY 1

**SEACACUS** — The New Jersey Society of CPAs Education Foundation will host the 2000 Business & Technology Show & Conference, through May 29. For more information, call (212) 286-0353.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — State Bar Foundation to Hold Legal Information Workshop. Attorneys interested in learning more about how to provide services to clients with HIV or AIDS are invited to a free legal information workshop from 5:30 to 9 p.m. For further information, call Florence Nathan at (732) 937-7518 or 1-900 FREE LAW.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Family Law Attorneys to Discuss Divorce At Free Seminar, from 7-9 p.m. For further information, call Florence Nathan at (732) 937-7518.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

**NEW YORK** — Playboy Jazz at Beverly Hills Sundays in the City. For further information contact George Wein, CEO at (212) 496-9000.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

**NEWARK** — GNBDC Training & Technical Assistance Program. Small business, Financial & Taxes Classes start at 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the RBP Conference Room. For further information, contact Tendai Ndoro at (973) 424-4128.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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## BUSINESS

# Fannie Mae guidelines to combat predatory lending practices



**WASHINGTON, DC** — To help protect consumers from abusive lending practices, the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages has established new anti-predatory lending policies for the loans it processes from lenders.

"We have an obligation to define the loans we will not buy, and practices we will not support that can have the effect of trapping people in predatory lending," said Franklin D. Raines, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fannie Mae.

"Many of these practices such as steering, equity stripping, excessive fees and prepayment penalties, like over-eligible mortgage opportunities from those borrowers who need it the most."

The vast majority of lenders provide the highest level of consumer protection by treating their customers honestly and respectfully. Together, they and we have succeeded in raising the U.S. homeownership rate to the highest level ever, said Raines yesterday to a group of housing leaders.

"But in light of recent indisputable evidence that some predators are taking unfair advantage of consumers and

stripping them of wealth and equity, we feel an obligation to clearly state our expectations and standards."

Raines, who has been delivered to Fannie Mae, the company expects that lenders will have determined the borrower's ability and willingness to repay the mortgage debt regardless of the underwriting standards the lender uses. In addition, lenders should have practices and procedures to offer mortgage applicants the full range of products for which they qualify, and should specifically steer away from products that are designed for less creditworthy borrowers if the applicants can qualify for lower-cost products.

Similarly, consumers who seek higher-priced subprime lending should be offered (or directed toward) the lender's standard mortgage product if they are able to qualify for one of these lower-cost products.

A lender also may choose to employ Fannie Mae's automated underwriting software, Desktop Underwriter, in which the borrower's ability to repay the debt is one of the key components for evaluating the eligibility of individual mortgages for delivery to Fannie Mae.

DU provides lender with a credit assessment recommendation, which can help the lender determine whether to lend to the which the borrower qualifies.

**Excessive Fees**

Lenders should have their own guidelines and policies that address the fees that originate

and brokers can charge a borrower when a mortgage is originated and should apply those policies consistently.

On the other hand, Fannie Mae says the points and fees charged to borrower should not exceed 5 percent, except where this would result in an unprofitable origination for example, because of the nature of the loan or the cost of the loan.

we will not purchase a

mortgage that is subject to the requirements in the Home

Ownership and Equity

Protection Act of 1996 that apply

to "high-cost" mortgages.

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Fannie Mae will not purchase or securitize any mortgage loan that includes a single premium credit life insurance policy that was sold to the borrower in connection with the origination of the mortgage loan, regardless of whether the premium is financed in the mortgage amount or paid from the borrower's funds.

This does not apply to credit life insurance policies that require separately identified premium payments on a monthly or annual basis or to prepaid hazard, flood, or mortgage insurance policies.

### Prepayment Penalties

Fannie Mae will only consider

prepayment penalties under the terms of a negotiated contract, and where the lender adheres to the following criteria: a mortgage that has a prepayment penalty should provide some benefit to the lender in the form of a fee or reduction for accepting the prepayment premium; the borrower also should be offered the choice of another mortgage product that does not require payment of such a premium; the terms of the mortgage provision that requires

a prepayment penalty should be adequately disclosed to the borrower; and, the prepayment penalty should not be charged to the borrower as a result of the borrower's default in making his or her mortgage payments.

### Full-file Credit Reporting

Fannie Mae believes it is important for a borrower's entire payment history to be reported to the credit repositories since that gives a borrower who has a good payment record more opportunities to obtain new financing (and better terms) over time when the need arises.

Therefore, the company has revised its policy that lenders must report on the status of any Fannie Mae loan that they are servicing each month to the credit repositories.

### Servicing Practices

Fannie Mae generally requires servicers to maintain reserves sufficient for the monthly deposit of funds to pay taxes, ground rents, mortgage insurance premiums, etc. In some cases, the company will allow its servicers to waive the requirement on a case-by-case basis.

However, the company suggests that waivers should not be granted in the case of borrowers with blemished credit records to protect them from additional risk and expense.

"Predatory lending violates basic mortgage consumer rights: the Right To Access to suitable mortgage credit; the right to the lowest cost mortgage for which a consumer can qualify; and, the right to know the true cost of a mortgage," said Raines. "We will work with community advocates and lenders to stamp out predatory lending practices, which prohibit a consumer's ability to access mortgage credit fairly."

**State Chamber, SBA conference to focus on technology, marketing**

**TRENTON** — The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will host the 3rd Annual New Jersey Conference for Small Business on May 19 at the Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick. The symposium for entrepreneurs, scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will feature workshops and issue presentations by small business experts, networking opportunities and over 40

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The conference kicks off with keynote speaker Rick Cerone, former catcher for the New York Yankees and founder of the minor league Newark Bears. He will talk about the difficulties of being an entrepreneur and the struggles he faced starting a baseball team from scratch.

Ten workshops will be offered, covering such topics as e-commerce and the Internet, public relations and advertising, how to find investors, technology consultants, finding top-notch employees, securing loans, and programs offered by the SBA. Over 40 exhibitors will also be present showcasing the many products and services available to small business owners.

Attendees can also sign up for one-on-one business counseling, compliments of the New Jersey Small Business Development Center, to meet with a JNSBD counselor or at the conference.

## SBA, NTHP encourage economic revitalization

**WASHINGTON DC** — A new alliance between the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) will encourage economic revitalization in distressed urban and rural communities in cities and towns across the country. SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez announced recently.

Alvarez signed the agreement with NTHP President Richard Moe during NTHP's National Town Meeting on Main Street, where she was a featured speaker.

"This partnership makes perfect sense," Alvarez said. "Our agendas overlap much, much so that it's time we work together to adjust our strategies, as well."

"This is the simple reality: the National Trust's Main Street program is leading commercial district revitalization in the country, and the SBA is the nation's leading financial backer of small businesses."

"Frankly, I think it's fair to say that you can't have one without the other," Alvarez said.

"Our programs ought to work together because working together will help small business owners and their communities achieve their goals."

The agreement commits SBA and NTHP to work together over the next six months in one major urban area — Boston — and one largely rural state — Indiana — to demonstrate how the two organizations can boost economic growth in local commercial districts.

"We are going to find out what's best for our communities and what's most useful, and we are going to figure out how those resources ought to be deployed," Alvarez said.

"Then we'll have a model that we can share with other regions of the SBA's 70 district offices and the rest of the National Trust's 1,500 Main Street Projects."

This partnership will combine our resources to build up distressed urban and rural commercial districts, generate economic growth and give stability to our communities," Alvarez said.

"By doing so, we will help preserve the rich assets — the architecture, the personal service and the sense of place — of our Main Streets and our downtowns all across America."

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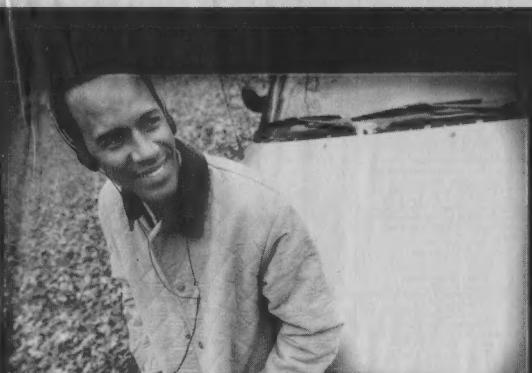
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Gospel Insider would like to welcome the following into the Gospel Insider family: The Baltimore Times, The Carolinian (Raleigh), Birmingham World, The Louisiana Voice, The Ohio Citizen, The Michigan Chronicle (Detroit), The Philadelphia New Observer, and the City News, Newark.

Stellar Gospel Artist Fred Hammond will release his follow-up to his double platinum CD "Praise Be" was released in March. "Purpose By Design", the new project is an innovative mix of studio and live recordings.

Additional artists

Jeff Majors has just released a CD entitled "Service 2000" featuring contemporary versions of classic Negro Spirituals. The legend Jeff Majors also lends her voice to the project and the song "Just Another Day".

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# Regaining sanity through our history

By Junius Ricardo Stanton

"It would behoove African Americans to remember that history forgets first, those who forget themselves."

Randall Robinson

"If we don't know our history, or if we make our history unconscious, and therefore place it out of awareness, that unconscious history becomes a source of unconscious motivation, then why we behave the way we do then we must know our history: the unconscious must be made conscious."

Dr. Amos Wilson

When we look at the conditions of our lives and our communities, we see effects that are the consequences of our behaviors and the behaviors of others.

Often we are confounded as to how and why we are where we are. Too often we ask, "What things are the way they are because this is the way they should be. Or worse, we think we are where we are due to some innate flaw in us as a people rather than looking at our lives from the broader perspective of the history of American slavery, social engineering or understanding the forces that have impacted upon us for the last 376 years. We forget that we have bilateral discrimination, racial caste and monoculture.

The obvious pathologies we see in ourselves and our commu-



Photo of newly freed slaves  
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nity and more importantly, those we fail to recognize, are due primarily to a desire to maintain the legacy of slavery, socio-economic rearguard and racial caste. If we are to ever extricate ourselves from the death throes of the psychopathy of white supremacy, we must redress the history of what we were before the coming of Caucasians (Arabs and Europeans) what has been done to us by them; what our potential is; and what our options are.

The goals of psychopathy are to keep the patient disabled as his or her anxieties, their innermost life experiences, ideation and feelings in a non-judgmental atmosphere, to encourage underivative attachment to their environment. By that reckoning the only way we as a people can

effectively interpret the causes of our anxieties and examine our life experiences with the goal of understanding our problems. We have the ability to think and act any way we choose.

For the most part, we are unconscious of our anxieties.

They perce  
late under  
the surface of  
our consciousness.  
We have pushed  
the painful memories  
of the atrocities/indignities done  
and inflicted upon us out of  
immediate awareness.

We blame ourselves rather  
than the real culprits. This is a form of group post traumatic stress syndrome. We are disorientated from the European and culturally induced amnesia and programmed self-hatred. We don't know who we are so we resist getting in touch with our divine inner compass or calling upon our spiritual guidance and guidance. We have so effectively internalized the pernicious Anti-African psychopathy of the dominant society, we are unwilling to entertain the idea/possibility of change.

We believe the autogenous stress-related diseases we experience are hereditary, irre-  
versible, or the price we pay for living in America.

Not this psychopathy was imposed upon us taught and modeled to us by our enemies and their lackeys. Europeans used African natives to enslave African chiefs to wage war on other tribes and sell their own people into bondage.

Simultaneously, whites were using alcohol to disorient, debase and dominate the Native Americans.

This is their Modus Operandi. We have to understand how our languages, spiritual orientation, cultural traditions and ethnic lineages were obliterated, how we were dehumanized and treated as property.

Following slavery, we were subjected to a nefarious form of quasi-slavery and government sanctioned racial caste system. Every institution in this country was dedicated to promoting the idea Africans were innately inferior to whites.

Nationally, violence of unfathomable proportions was used to stifle dissent, insurrection, resistance or black progress. This is what put/keeps us in the subordinate position we are in today.

The good news is, we are not powerless or inferior beings. We have the ability to think and act any way we choose.

We can neutralize the self-destructive mentality by loving ourselves, thinking and acting in our best interests.

Our history at the hands of Caucasians is painful but for us to heal and fully recover we must and positive future begin with understanding our past.

## NAACP 86th annual Freedom Observance



The members of One Spirit, a gospel group from New Hope Baptist church.

NEWARK — The Rev. Milford Biggman will be the featured gospel artist at the 86th Annual Freedom Observance at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 100 Springfield Avenue, Newark. Joining the festivities will be an inspirational lineup of talented individuals and groups.

As a soloist, Rev. Biggman has performed and performed with some of the biggest names in gospel such as the late Rev. James Cleveland, Alberta Walker, Rev. Evans, The New Jersey Mass Choir, The Rev. Tammie Mass Choir, Dorothy Norwood, Inez Andrews, and many others. He is a songwriter and has produced for Dennis McClure, LaShun Pace and Timothy Wright.

Rev. Biggman was the music consultant for the Disney Movie "The Preacher's Wife", starring Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston. He is the Pastor at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Newark.

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## Religion Calender

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

**NEWARK** - Crossroads Of Life Christian Education Conference located at the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**NEWARK** - Youth Empowerment Symposium™ This program is being held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 186-190 Thomas Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be various pastors from different churches for further information, call (973) 242-4173.

**PETRINI AMBOY** - Helen Baylor featured in Benefit Concert at The Cathedral-Second Baptist Church at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Carole Dorch-Wright at (732) 828-5293 ext. 125.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

**NEWARK** - North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association presents "Joy of Life" at the First Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Eric Beckham at 7 p.m. For further information, call (732) 242-173.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

**NEWARK** - Mt. Zion Baptist Church presents its Youth Empowerment Symposium™ from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and join us, there will be several speakers speaking. For further information, call (732) 242-173.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

**CALIFORNIA** - United Methodist Church proudly presents Gospel Explosion. For further information, call (973) 673-1745.

**NEWARK** - Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Dr. W. E. Jackson at the Zion Baptist Church located at 186-190 Thomas Street. For further information, call (973) 242-4173.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

**NEW YORK** - The Riverside Church "Raw Writers & Performance Workshop" returns for an eighth year of offering aspiring young artists assistance in honing their skills. Workshops will begin on Friday, May 12. For further information, call (212) 570-6739.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

**BELLEVILLE** - Outrage Deliverance Holiness Church presents "Christian Prom 2000," from 7-11 p.m. For further information, contact Betty Hester at (973) 824-4444.

**NEWARK** - Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be holding its "Youth Empowerment Symposium™" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come out and hear the different speakers speak on several different church topics. For further information, call (973) 242-4173.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

**NEWARK** - Women's Support Ministry Seminar being held at Mt. Zion's Baptist Church located at 186-190 Thomas Street at 9 a.m. For further information, call (973) 242-4173.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

**NEW YORK** - The Riverside Church "Raw Writers & Performance Workshop" returns for an eighth year of offering aspiring young artists assistance in honing their skills. Workshops will begin from 7-9 p.m. For additional information, the public can call (212) 570-6739.

## Metropolitan Presents: 'Keepin' It Real With Christ'

**NEWARK** - Metropolitan Youth Ministry recently announced its "Keepin' It Real With Christ 2000" under the leadership of Rev. Delman Codres, youth minister and Stephanie Ingram chairperson. The event will take place April 27-29 at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark.

"Jesus Jam: Service of Prayer, Praise and Preaching" will be the feature event at 7 p.m. The guest minister for the event will be Rev. Ron Christian of Cleavans Baptist Church in Newark, along with Christian rapper "BB-Jay."

On Friday a "Teen Lock-In" will get underway at 10:30 p.m. On Saturday, youth will gather at Branch Brook Park for skating at 8 p.m.

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## Gospel Youth Summit attracts hundreds of city youth



Hundreds of youths from Plainfield and its surrounding areas raise their hands in praise during the Gospel Youth Summit that took place recently in Plainfield

Photo by Dwayne Haskins

By Sakina Spruill  
Contributing Writer

Over 300 youth, and an equal number of adults turned out to the refurbished Strand Theater in Plainfield on Saturday, April 8, for "Gospel Youth Summit 2000: Young People Bridging the Gap Between Our Church, Community & City."

The event was in production for over a year by Soul Brothers Productions, a Christian music promotions company, based in Highland Park.

adulthood."

Working toward that mission, Haskins and his crew developed a panel to discuss real life issues from a biblical and practical point of view. At the top of the program, topics such as teenage pregnancy, drugs, alcoholism, health and education, were bounced around in an open forum similar to BET's Teen Summit.

On the panel were the Youth Posse, a group of nine teenagers gathered from all over New Jersey, area staff members from Planned Parenthood, area schools and hospitals.

one Youth Posse member admitted to having sex and asked for further help.

Trudy Gaillard, a diabetes educator from Ohio, addressed how eating habits determine one's longevity of life, while Plainfield-West Windsor High School Vice Principal Edward Southgate addressed the importance of education.

Youth Posse member Delisha Grant, 18, of Tinton Falls said she felt the education message was very appropriate for this audience.

"The rate of African-Americans not going to college is getting worse and the only way to rectify it is through the church," she said. After the forum, the performers began.

Having the same presence of any other west-coast rapper, Jah Word of San Diego, Calif., "ripped it" as one spectator commented. Resembling a rap concert, youth swayed to the aisle and hovering stage as Jah Word spouted Christian lyrics to a hip-hop baseline.

The hip-hop mad been set from the time Mother Amy Parrot's God Squad Drill Team of 100 performers entered the theater from the back of the room, the drill team marched in singing a capella and ended on stage with their live drummers moving the beat.

Darrell Collins, lead singer with Kirk Franklin Family, and Adrian Smith, lead singer with Fred Hammond and Radical for Christ, were featured performers at the Youth

Summit. Stellar-award recipient, Smith, flew into town from his home in Detroit, MI to take part in the gospel concert conclusion.

"When I was young, I went through some of the same things these kids are going through, and I want to show them that they don't have to go through them," said Smith.

Smith and Collins had the youth crowd hand-clapping and foot-stomping during the gospel concert, which varied from traditional to contemporary.

Although Collins and Smith are both tenors, their perfor-

Smith's songs from his debut album 'I Am,' and were also a hit with the teen audience.

"It's good to see familiar instruments with Jason Sims, received the Soul Brothers Spirit Award for volunteerism and spiritual awareness."

"The Lord has always blessed our shows, but this one was awesome," said Haskins after the show. "It was so touching that it spiritually touched me."

Before the four-hour program ended, over 100 members



Some of the performers at the Gospel Youth Summit prepare for their

Photo by Dwayne Haskins

"We are committed to the growth of our young adult community," said Dwayne Haskins, president of Soul Brothers.

"Our goal is to help them make a successful transition from youth to

adulthood."

Rosalyn Seearight, a Planned Parenthood representative, made a big impact with her teen pregnancy presentation. After Seearight explained the downsides of having unprotected sex,

the audience responded with applause.

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The Chaser Generation Outreach

Choir of Newark and Adrian Collins added a conventional sound to his show. The

melodies of R&B resounded in

the crowd came on the stage

for the altar call finale. Smith and Collins sang "No Weapon

Has Formed Against Me," by Fred Hammond and Radical for

Christ.

## Influential Black Clergy endorses Corzine

**Editors note: The following is a statement released on April 17, 2000 by Rev. Reginald Jackson, a black member of the black clergy upon their recent endorsement of U.S. senatorial candidate Jon Corzine, which took place in Trenton.**

New Jersey will elect a new United States senator. This person will take the seat now held by Sen. Bob Menendez, who has represented this state and its citizens very well.

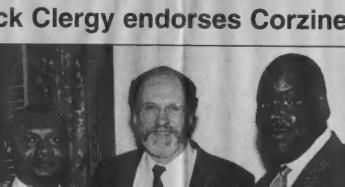
Therefore it is critically important who will replace him. Today, I send this group of ministers and clergymen, to stand

and announce our mutual endorsement of Mr. Jon Corzine to the next United States senator.

For me and most of my colleagues in this community, we are a candidate in the primary, however, during the course of this primary season, there is only one candidate who has addressed in a detailed way the issues that affect not only the African American community, but the state of New Jersey and the nation. And that candidate is Jon Corzine. We endorse him today because of his position on this issue.

**Education**

Over and over again African American ministers have said the most important issue for our community is education. We



From left to right: Rev. Reginald Jackson, Jon Corzine, and Rev. Calvin McKinney

Shelley Kurnitz

have advocated and continue to fight for quality education. We agree with Jon Corzine that the quality of public education should not be determined by zip code. Quality pre-school, elementary and secondary education credit for low-income families, up-to-date facilities, character classes and after school programs are critical. This is what we have called for over the last several years, and this is what Jon Corzine has proposed in this primary campaign.

**Healthcare**

At a time when AIDS, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, infant mortality and other diseases are increasing in the African American community, almost half of the African

Americans in the state have no access to healthcare other than the emergency room of a hospital. Jon Corzine has publicly and boldly outlined a proposal for universal healthcare that would cover all children, give healthcare for all employees, including those who change jobs, and protect a patient's rights. The United States is the only industrial nation that does not provide healthcare for everybody. This issue alone would cause me to support Jon Corzine.

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# Newark Teacher

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got eight months of house arrest," Sykes said. "How, Mr. Farmer, do you justify this disparity in sentencing?"

Sykes said he believed it also came from the belief that it was a coincidence the embattled teachers' trials were moved from Essex County to Bergen County. The state claims that is where Lichtman operated, so it is only appropriate to hold the trials there, but somehow the NTA is not convinced.

"Lichtman has been used as a prosecution witness, whereas the defendants are not," Sykes said. "Essex State Attorney General William Farmer, is this not an attempt to hide the prosecutions from the defendants' home communities?"

Hungerford, Sykes and the others are concerned that the only people being punished for the actions of Lichtman are African American former Newark teachers. They are former teachers because they were all suspended or subsequently forced to leave their jobs after the allegations they defrauded several insurance companies, and now they have lost their livelihoods.

The panelists at the press conference said many of the former teachers have been out of work with no way to support themselves or pay for the type of quality legal representation that could help them. They said that before Governor Christine Whitman, former State Superintendent Beverly Hall, and the entire judicial system conspired against the teachers for political reasons in an attempt to balance the 1994-95 Newark budget. After the budget was set aside, it took over the district. Why else, they asked, weren't any of the other 200 teachers from districts like Toms River, Livingston, and Chatham charged with criminality?

The panelists are calling upon state Attorney General John Farmer to answer questions relating to the disposition of the 59 cases. They want to know why he suspended all the teachers at the time, were all 59 of the teachers from Newark suspended without the hearings they were guaranteed by law; weren't the names of teachers in any of the other districts mentioned? They want to know if the operation made public; why none of the other school districts did not suspend any of those other teachers; and why are individuals who only played peripheral roles in the fraud scheme being prosecuted when, in similar circumstances, that has not been the case?

The NTA, Hamm and their supporters are also accusing Farmer of publicly releasing another defendant with 10 years in prison over a few thousand dollars. They said he must answer these and other questions, and Hamm has written letters to Senator Robert Torricelli.

In a letter dated February 28, 2000, Torricelli responded that he has written to Farmer asking for a review of the matter. He said Hamm had raised "a number of troubling questions which I believe merit review and inquiry," and that when he receives a response from Farmer "of any development, I will keep you apprised."

Hamm said he appreciates the support, but something has to be done now.

"Above all there is the issue of a racist double standard of justice," Hamm said. "This is a state operation which Dr. Lichtman submitted \$3.5 million in false claims to the Prudential Life Insurance Corporation. He used the names of schools from across a dozen school districts. Only one imposed suspensions, however: Newark, which suspended 59."

Hamm said it is definitely known that there were white people involved in the Lichtman scam, but only African Americans have been prosecuted. He said Lichtman used hundreds of names statewide, yet no white person other than himself has been born a criminal.

"I have spent eight months in a halfway house — little more than a community service penal facility — for billing \$3.5 million in false claims while Vivian Davis, a former five-term legislator, he said. "She has not even been allowed bail pending hearing. There is no justification for this." At press time, neither Dr. Lichtman, nor his representatives from the Newark Teachers' Union — which all the suspended teachers belonged to — could be reached for comment.

# Dunbar at black minister conference

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said Reverend Caleb Ostas, the president of the NJBMC. "We will consider them, but there are still some things we are concerned about. I think there is some reluctance on their part to get a proper hearing, but I feel we can work it out."

Assemblyman William Payne, D-29, was less optimistic.

He said the presentation by Dunbar and company was a "gloss over," of the things that are actually going on in the state police.

"I don't believe that the leadership of the state police is committed to change," he said. "They took a stand on the recent legislation that the Legislative Black and Latino Caucus had in our report last year. At that time we recommended that the promotions — 161 at that time — be rescinded. That was ignored."

To the things off, Payne said the attorney general and State Police recently promoted 304 troopers.

"They have no intention whatsoever of giving any regard to the recommendations of the state and also in the legislature," he said. "I have very little confidence the attorney general or the colonel will bring about the changes necessary."

Payne was referring to his sentiments regarding the troopers' reforms — of the New Jersey State Police's Black and Latino Troopers Coalition, was on hand at the RMC conference and read

a prepared statement regarding his organization's position. The group is a very relevant, especially in light of the fact the 6,200 member organization has launched a new recruiting campaign aimed at attracting more minorities, revamping the discipline system, the use of video cameras in cruisers, and implementing a new computer system to track detailed information on every traffic stop made by troopers.

Payne said the members of the BALTC also had a few things to say about recent remarks from Dunbar stating his willingness to meet with him.

"He and I have not met with the colonel, but we look forward to it," Payne said. "The members of BALTC are committed to working with the leadership of the State Police, the elected leaders of the people of New Jersey and the public at large to restore the confidence in the overall professionalism of the State Police and its commitment to constitutional principles of equal treatment."

He said the only reason he has not met with representatives from BALTC until now is because he has been telling them he would meet with a select number of representatives chosen from their ranks only.

"As chief executive officer of the State Police I don't have time to meet with entire organizations," he said.

Dunbar said making changes to the State Police force takes time. He said the ones not even in the BMC, can expect everything to be resolved in "a short period of time." Regarding the recent promotions, he said those two office and in-house ones have been appropriate or wise to interrupt that process.

Dunbar said the series of 88 reforms initiated by the department last year are moving ahead steadily and steadily. Payne and Farmer agreed one of the reasons for that is seemingly slow pace is the fact they are trying to ensure that once in place, the reforms cannot be undone by succeeding administration.

They are working to effect fundamental change on the New Jersey State Police," Farmer said.

"The process must be deliberate; the commitment unflagging."

Farmer and Dunbar said other reforms, including an overhaul of the promotional system, new testing for recruits, and re-training current troopers in proper traffic stop procedures are coming down the pipeline. However fast they do come, it may not be fast enough for the BMC.

"We're going to be with you when you're wrong and when you're right," Jackson said. "When you're wrong to get you right, and when you're right to get you right."

The BMC was the lead organization in calling for investiga-

tions into allegations of racial profiling against the troopers generally and Hogan and Kenna specifically, after they fired 11 shots into a van carrying three minority men on the New Jersey Turnpike in April 1998. The troopers were indicted for attempted murder in September 1999.

The shootings uncovered the specter of racial profiling among the troopers and led to separate investigations by the Legislative Black and Latino Caucus and the Attorney General's Office. After denying the practice for another year, in 1999 the Attorney General's Office admitted some troopers had targeted minority drivers for stops and stops and that trooper brass had done little to prevent the practice.

They also led to the indictment of Hogan and Kenna on charges of official misconduct, and the troopers' removal in April 1999. The indictments allow the troopers stopped more than two dozen black motorists from January 1998 to April 23, 1998 while reporting the race of the person to whom they issued a traffic log. Investigators believe the switch was made to mislead supervisors looking for patterns of racial bias.

Hogan and Kenna have pleaded guilty and given to all the information. At the time of their indictments, 10 other troopers were also under investigation, according to the attorney general's office.

**PROJECT PRIDE'S ALL-STAR TEAM BASKETBALL TEAM HEADS TO WALT DISNEY WORLD**

NEWARK — On April 24, the Project Pride Newark All-Star Team and the Newark Project Pride/Newark Boys' and Girls Club team traveled to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the 32nd annual International Small Fry Tournament.

The tournaments are co-sponsored by Project Pride, Inc., the Newark Public Schools, the North Ward Center, Inc., and the Newark Project. The Small Fry Basketball is a national chartered basketball program open to children ages 5 to 14.

There are 500 one-on-one or smaller teams.

After months of training, the players will compete in a tournament that ends with play at the Walt Disney Wide World of Sports, a state-of-the-art facility that is the largest youth sports complex in the world.

Our Small Fry program plays the foundation for our future," said Newark Project President and Essex County Freshwater Chairman Joseph DiVincenzo. "This tournament is a great opportunity for our children to learn the value of teamwork and sportsmanship, and create memories that are priceless that will be passed down for generations."

Project Pride, the founder of the Small Fry Chapter, and the volunteer Project Coordinators, are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication to the tournament.

At the tournament, the Newark team will have the opportunity to travel and participate in the high school tournaments.

Project Pride continues to play at the collegiate level on a basketball scholarship.

## WELFARE TO WORK IS ONGOING

The state recently pumped \$2 million into Essex County's welfare system in order to hire 85 additional workers for the county's welfare-to-work agency.

The program, a 2000 Essex County budget item, will add 5.5 million for the welfare agency. The budget was recently amended to include the new funding, which will increase the number of welfare workers to 700.

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# Opposition stops Maryland bill

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American community for the entire state of Maryland," said Sen. Nathaniel McFadden.

Rawlings, for his part, says he is using his power as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee to get needed state support for Baltimore and black institutions.

Sen. Clarence Mitchell, one of the black senators from Baltimore who criticized

Rawlings during the debate, made the motion to kill the Rawlings bill. He said the substitute measure calling for a task force study is a better way to find out what is being done and what is not being targeted by police.

Responding to arguments that the House bill is better because it would require police to keep detailed records of their traffic stops, Mitchell said he is sure police will cooperate with a task force created by the legisla-

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—Sen. Clarence Mitchell  
Baltimore, Md.

tute. A police agency that doesn't cooperate with the task force and comes to the legislature seeking money, "will have trouble getting it," he said.

Del. John Langridge Branch, a black House member from Baltimore, said he hopes when the bill comes back to the House on closing day tomorrow, it will be amended to include the original Rawlings bill.

"You don't need another study," he said.

# Rev. Calvin Butts praises NJBMC

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mansion and dropped it off on the front lawn. When people asked us why we did that, we told them it was appropriate to turn the body over to the next of kin," he said.

Guliani aside, Rev. Butts used the platform of the NJBMC banquet to talk about the clings of New Jersey and how they are setting the standard for their brothers across the Hudson and the rest of the country. He said they are answering the question of why can't churches and preachers put aside their egos and get together for the common good.

"This banquet says it all," he said. "Your presence here speaks to the power of this organization and it deserves to be respected. I was listening to JOHN LEWIS on the air here and he was talking and heard a report about how the new director of the New Jersey State Police was reporting to the Black Ministers' Council of New Jersey. Once again, New Jersey is leading the good," he said.

Rev. Butts said another area in which the NJBMC is leading the way is economic empowerment for blacks and other minorities. He said for some time now there have been critics and doubters concerned about whether or not black churches and ministers can be successful in educating their congregations about the virtues of acquiring and holding onto wealth, but once again New Jersey and its many successful faith-based community and economic development corporations are pointing the way.

He spoke in the area of CBOs himself. Rev. Butts' church runs a CBO worth millions of dollars. The funds it generates are used to promote housing construction and other works in black and minority communities as well as the larger city and Wall Street. "We're beyond the colored thing except where green's concerned," he said. "We

have always desired a piece of the American Dream. The only way to ensure that is the ownership of capital and the means of production. In other words, 40 acres and a mule. If you work for 200 years and nobody pays you, you've got a lot of equity."

The banquet was a star-studded event from a political point of view. Woodbridge Mayor Jim

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McGreevey was in attendance as former Governor and current Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-New Jersey, who was presented with the NJBMC's Public Service Award. Lautenberg will be retiring soon — which has prompted the heated race between Florio and former Goldman Sachs CEO Jon Corzine, but he took the opportunity afforded him to let everyone in the audience know that he's not gone yet.

Lautenberg also had a few things to say about the job that will be required of his eventual successor. "My job is to make certain we pay attention to all segments of society," he said. "It has been a tremendous honor to give something back."

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# ESSENCE Awards 2000

By Gloria Dulan-Wilson

This year ESSENCE MAGAZINE & a/a Essence Communications, turns 30. The EssenceAwards was created in 1987 to focus national attention on distinguished Black women and to serve as role models for younger counterparts, demonstrating the highest standards of excellence.

This years Awards ceremonies honored eight outstanding humanitarians, male and female, from all walks of life. It would appear, also, that the Essence Awards have come full circle, leaving Madison Square Garden's Paramount Theatre and returning for the first time in ten years to RadioCity Music Hall, a long time goal held by Essence Publisher and CEO, Edward "Ed" Lewis and President, Clarence O. Smith.

There were a lot of firsts this year; Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-Chief since 1981, is now Publication Director, a newly created position, which expands her role that will ensure that all divisions of the multimedia company reflect the substance and style of the signature publication. She will also serve as the corporate managerial liaison between all Essence Communications Inc. divisions to develop new businesses, and expand their global reach.

Among considerations are an African counterpart which will emanate from South Africa and other key African countries. Ms. Taylor is currently cochair of an organization with Danny Glover to raise money to build housing in the rural areas of South Africa as well as the Helene Ford School of Nursing raising funds to build a state-of-the-art educational institution in Harlem.



## STARS CELEBRATE: BUILDING A BETTER WORLD



photos by Felix Middleton

### The honorees included:

The Rev. W.C. Martin, minister of Bennett Chapel Baptist church in Shelbyville, TX, and his wife, Donna, who arranged for the adoption of more than 100 orphaned and foster children by members of their congregation. The presentation was made by Shemar Moore. The Martin's adopted family were in the audience to show respect and support.

Mayor Emma Gresham reclaimed and transformed Keysville, GA, a tiny rural town of 400 people. She rallied Black people in the community to establish a town government which local officials tried unsuccessfully to challenge all the way to the Supreme Court. They fought for a basic standard of living, including indoor plumbing, sanitation pickup, a library, fire and police protection, a health clinic and after-school programs. Though Loretta Devine did the introductory remarks, the surprise presenter to Mayor Gresham was none other than First Lady and Senatorial Candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, who received this first lady: "For working tirelessly to restore basic Democratic rights and badly needed services. And for reminding the nation that everybody is somebody, we are honored to present you with the Essence Award 2000."

Mayor Gresham's response: "To God be the Glory. This award is a precious gift and a real challenge. What can I render to the Lord for all he has bestowed on me. Our motto is - Keysville, a town where everybody is somebody." Mayor Gresham, who just celebrated her 75th birthday on April 11 and is a 13-year survivor of breast cancer, is poised for the next challenge, and does not allow age, illness, nor "authority" to prevent her from achieving her goals.

Perhaps the most inspiring of all the honorees were Doctors George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt and Simpson Davis of Newark, NJ, who made a pact to rise above the dangers and temptations of the street and the challenges of poverty to achieve their dreams of becoming doctors. Faith Evans, Robert Guillaume and Blair

Underwood did the honors. But the poignant story of three youth who saw their friends gunned down in the street, was an inspiration to adults and youth alike. Hunt stated: "If we can do that for each other what would happen if each and every young man or woman or adult for that matter, took a stand for each other and then stayed firm all the way to make sure that each succeeded? Where would Black people be today?"

Danny Glover, a champion of social causes, from helping troubled youth to opposing the death penalty. He has served as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program, which focuses on eradicating poverty, creating jobs, and advancing the rights of women in less-developed countries — Omar Epps, Susan Sarandon and Delroy Lindo made the presentation to Glover, who described the ravages of HIV/AIDS on South African families, and the need for potable water and affordable homes. He invited everyone in the audience to make themselves a committee of one to donate funds to turn thousands of lives around.

Michael Jordan considered the greatest basketball player ever. In 1996, he gave \$1 million to his alma mater, the Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to start the Jordan Institute for Families, which will tackle such issues as day care, teenage pregnancy and domestic violence. He has also committed \$2 million to help construct a \$14,000 square foot facility in Chicago for the James R. Jordan Boys and Girls Club and Family Life Center in honor of the memory of his father, Oprah Winfrey, Bill Cosby and six children from the Make A Wish Foundation, did the presentation. Jordan, who accepted the award stated: "I hate being last, there's so much pressure, especially after the likes of Cosby and Winfrey" encouraged everyone from all walks of life to become integrally involved in the uplifting of those around them.

So much for the serious side. Our Black men and women were dressed to impress Essence style! Never has there been such an array of fashion, manners, energies, enthusiasm in one place — from formal wear to African traditional dress. The love, support, and camaraderie was evident throughout the entire theatre. It made you proud to be Black.

Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby served as co-hosts. Bill Cosby was "off the hook", cracking two jokes per minute. Oprah Winfrey, wearing a gorgeous red evening gown, kept tripping over the train, unwillingly played "straightman" to Cosby's unique comedic style. Cosby was in such rare form that he totally "discombobulated" Oprah, by cracking jokes about her mishap. She could hardly recover from one joke before he had launched another one. He kept the audience laughing so hard they were crying. His totally unrehearsed ad libbing so disconcerted Winfrey, she was unable to read the teleprompter. They had to restart three times before they could announce the next honoree.

Spotted at the awards were gossip columnist Flo Anthony, Gordon Parks, Camille Cosby, New Jersey Congressman Donald Payne, Vivica A. Fox and hubby Six-Nine, of NBA fame Bernard King and wife Shauna (Susan McCray Montano), Darryl Walker, head coach of the Washington Wizards; Diana Carroll, Surgeon General David Satcher, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Dorothy I. Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women, Bobby Short, among others.

The event would be nothing without Patti LaBelle's number, "You are My Friend", which received a standing ovation. The Essence Awards will air on Fox 5 on May 25.



# CityLife

April 26 — May 2, 2000

## African American Heritage Breakfast honors community leaders

**NEWARK** — The African American Heritage Parade organizers and supporters recently convened at Newark's premier dining room, The Newark Club located at One Newark Center in Newark.

This year, the committee was especially honored to present its highest honor to New Jersey Secretary of State DeForest Soaries, Jr., who exemplifies in his service more notably of God, statesmanship and community and because of this he was presented with the coveted Pyramid Award.

Danny Williams, president of the Newark chapter of the NAACP was also honored as the Grand Marshall for 2000. He was selected for his dedicated service to the Crispus Attucks Parade and the African American Heritage Statewide Parade.

Catherine "Kitty" Brooks was honored as the Deputy Grand Marshall for 2000 for her sacrifice, wisdom, and perseverance in motivating black people to reclaim the knowledge of lost

black heritage and to walk with pride in the world.

The event was co-hosted by Coors, New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, Mutualized Healthcare Systems and PSEG Consumer Education Program/New Jersey Energy Choices.

Seventh Annual Leadership Breakfast hosted some 300 leaders from around the state, community, business, religious and political leaders witnessed a spirit of unity we have longed for in our community and that's long over due," said Donald Bernard, Sr., chairman of the African American Heritage Parade Committee.

The Heritage Parade and Festival '99 were the most successful to date. The event attracted literally hundreds of thousands to Newark on the Memorial Day weekend. Presently, this is the largest African American cultural celebration in the country. Last year's parade and Heritage Festival was a huge success. Over 280,000 parade and festival goers marveled as the parade got on its way down Broad Street in Newark.

This year, the festival begins

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on Friday May 26-29 at Weequahic Park in Newark's Southward. The 22nd Annual Statewide Parade will feature a variety of new attractions. The newest feature this year is a continued display of our past leaders. Several ten foot round balloons will taxi down Broad Street hauling the faces of Willie Mays, Joe Louis, Martin Luther King, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Ida B. Wells, Fannie Lou Hamer, Lorraine Hansbury, Queen Nefertiti, Billie Holiday and others. The theme of this year's parade is "Moving Forward: Honoring Our Past." This is significant to the long history of the parade that dates back to 1966: the year that the very first Crispus Attucks Parade took place.

"The driving force behind the African American Heritage Parade Committee's work is God Almighty. Effective leadership is grounded in humility," said Bernard. In recognizing our tradition, effective leaders is based in the spirit of service; it is not driven by arrogance or conformity and remains principled in nature. Effective leaders do not dictate but lead by example inviting respect."



New Jersey Secretary of State DeForest B. Soaries Jr. addresses community leaders from around the state at the Seventh Annual Leadership Breakfast.

Photo by William Frazier

### More scenes from the Seventh Annual Leadership Breakfast...



Guests for the Seventh Annual Leadership Breakfast pose at the event.

Photo by Herb Glenn



WISOMMM Executive Director Fredrica Bey and Gwen Goldsby Grant greet each other.

Photo by Herb Glenn



Marcus Garvey will be one of many historical figures to be featured on large balloons along the parade route.



African American Heritage Parade founder John Thompson (left) and Senator Ron Rice

Photo by William Frazier



From left: Grand Marshall Danny Williams, Soaries, Thompson, and African American Heritage Parade Chairman Donald Bernard Sr.

Photo by Herb Glenn



Billie Holiday will be one of many historical figures to be featured on large balloons along the parade route.



Booker T. Washington will be one of many historical figures to be featured on large balloons along the parade route.



Soaries takes a moment to chat with Deputy Grand Marshal Catherine "Kitty" Brooks.

Photo by Herb Glenn



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

**IRVINGTON** — Irvington General Hospital hosts a body image and skin care seminar at 10 a.m. For further information, call (973) 526-6771.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

**NEWARK** — Irvington General Hospital sponsors a stress reduction and relaxation exercise class at 10 a.m. For further information, call (973) 926-6771.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital hosts a stroke club support group at 12:30 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The Cancer Institute of New Jersey presents a state-wide bowling benefit at 10 a.m. For further information, call (866) 642-6226.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

**PINE BROOK** — The March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2000 benefit will be held. For further information, call (973) 882-6700.

MONDAY, MAY 1

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a genetic bypass support group at 12:30 p.m. For further information, call (733) 748-3600 ext 5375.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

**BELLE MEADE** — The Carter Clinic hosts a bipolar disorder seminar at 12 p.m. For further information, call (908) 208-1461.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson Hospital sponsors a breast-feeding support group at 4 p.m. For further information, call (732) 745-8600, ext 8620.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

**PARSIPPANY** — The Alzheimer's Association of Northern New Jersey will host a golf raffle drawing at 7 p.m. For more information, call (973) 316-6767.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

**NEWARK** — The Newark Beth Israel Center for Geriatric Health Care hosts a support group for caregivers. 4:30 p.m. For further information, call (973) 926-6771.

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# HeartBeat

## Prostate cancer rates declining; African American men more likely to die of disease

Commissioner Christine Grant  
Those are among the findings of the state's first report on prostate cancer, entitled "Prostate Cancer in New Jersey 1979-1996," which is based on New Jersey State Cancer Registry data.

The report examines trends in prostate cancer incidence and mortality, including the difference for white and African-American men.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men except for skin cancer, and is the second leading cause of cancer death after lung cancer.

Over the past decade, more men have been taking advantage of screening methods that can identify this cancer early, when treatment outcomes are more favorable, said Grant. "But we must read even more often with this important message."

Doctors said they also must focus especially on African-American men, whose prostate cancer rates are "unacceptably high."

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services now offers prostate cancer outreach, education and screening in 15 counties.

Mercer and Atlantic counties will be added next month, and the Salt Lake City program will be operating by July 1.

The program serves uninsured men over age 50 and specifically targets African-American men over age 40. Men receive a physical exam about prostate cancer and the issues surrounding testing and treatment before they are tested.

As part of this program, the

men are much more likely than white men to get prostate cancer and are more than twice as likely to die of the disease, according to Health and Senior Services

**TRENTON** — After rising sharply in the late 1980s and early 1990s, New Jersey's overall prostate cancer incidence rate peaked in 1992 and has declined slightly since then.

Health and Senior Services

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department also is developing educational materials that will be distributed to barber shops, African-American churches, fraternal and other groups that can help spread the word.

According to the report, the state's overall prostate cancer incidence rate rose gradually from 75.9 cases for every 100,000 men in 1979 to 84.8 in 1987. In 1988, the rates began climbing from 91.1 to the peak of 194.2 in 1992.

The rate has since declined to 155, according to preliminary 1997 data included in the report.

Similarly, mortality rates have risen from 17.0 in 1979 to 19.9 in 1993, and have since declined to 25.2 in 1996.

New Jersey's trends in prostate cancer incidence and mortality mirror those seen nationally, and may be related to the widespread use of screening methods such as the prostate specific antigen test and the digital rectal examination.

This could explain at least part of the rising incidence rates, as men are more likely to seek treatment when they are diagnosed earlier.

According to the report, prostate cancer incidence rates for black men were more than 50 percent higher than those for white men during the period 1979-1996 (162.3 vs 104.5).

A similar racial gap was seen in preliminary 1997 data seen in African-American men, who had a higher percentage of their cancers diagnosed at the early stages than did white men for the period 1984-1996, when the data on stage of diagnosis were

most complete.

Black men's prostate cancer mortality rates were more than double the white rate both in 1996 (54.2 vs. 23) and during the period 1979-1996 (51.3 for black men and 23.5 for white men), the report notes.

The cause of prostate cancer is unknown, but a family history of the disease places a man at higher risk. Other potential risk factors include diet, fat content in the diet, smoking and alcohol consumption.

The higher death rates among African-Americans may be related to their higher incidence of prostate cancer, and that their cancer are more likely to be diagnosed at a later stage.

Almost all men eventually develop microscopic cancerous changes in the cells of the prostate, but only 10 percent of them go on to develop symptomatic prostate cancer.

Many prostate cancers are slow-growing and may not progress to life-threatening illness.

There is not yet a national consensus on screening guidelines for prostate cancer.

The Department of Health and Senior Services recommends that all men over age 50 be screened annually, as should men over age 40 who are black or at high risk because of their family history.

Screening should include the digital rectal exam and may include a blood PSA test, which is a blood test.

Before testing, men should be informed of all issues related to testing and treatment.

## Technological advance for tonsillectomy

**PLAINFIELD** — The Harmonic Scalpel was recently made available as an alternative surgical option to the patients who make up the 3.7 million ear, nose, and throat procedures performed annually, with 4,000 of those being tonsillectomies.

David Arlen, M.D., an ENT surgeon at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, has been utilizing this new technology and has already performed more than 70 procedures.

In the past, one of two methods was used to perform tonsillectomy surgery: electrosurgery or laser surgery. Both methods use either light or intense electrical energy that operate at very high temperatures to make an incision through human tissue which often left patients with charred or burnt tissue and a lengthy recovery time.

All that has changed as the Food and Drug Administration cleared the Harmonic Scalpel for tonsillectomies last year. This is

a new application for ultrasound procedures. The Harmonic Scalpel uses ultrasound energy to make surgical incisions. Initially developed in 1990, the Harmonic Scalpel was used for obstetrics and gynecological procedures. The Harmonic Scalpel now includes tonsillectomies as well as other ENT procedures. Dr. Arlen has been utilizing the Harmonic Scalpel during the past year to perform tonsillectomies as well as prone dorsal rhinoplasty and sleep with great results.

This ultrasonic energy uses sound waves that turn electrical energy into mechanical motion, and at the same time congeal (the act of clot formation) small blood vessels with minimal tissue damage.

With only a few Harmonic Scalpels in use around the country, Dr. Arlen is using his expertise to teach fellow ENT surgeons about this new application.

The Harmonic Scalpel is a

very effective tool for ENT procedures, said Dr. Arlen. "It takes less time, is easier to handle, offers improved surgical environment and increased safety for patients and personnel." In speaking with his patients, they report less pain and faster recovery.

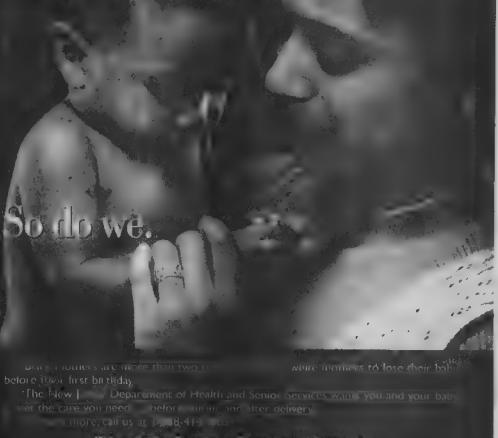
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The colorectal screening kit will be available from May 1 through May 31 to adults 40 years of age and older who reside in Union, Somerset and Middlesex counties. The kit contains a three-part test that can be taken in the privacy of one's home. Detailed instructions on how to complete the test, along with information on obtaining test results. A physician's office visit or prescription/order is not required to participate in the screening.

Free kits may be picked up within the area in Dunellen, Edison, Fanwood, Metuchen, North Plainfield, Piscataway, Plainfield, South Plainfield, Westfield and Woodbridge, including the information desks at JFK Medical Center and Muhlenberg Regional Medical

Center, and local health departments. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. With 165,000 new cases being detected in the United States each year, colorectal cancer is often diagnosed too late to be treated effectively. It is a disease that is highly preventable through a combination of lifestyle changes and regular screenings.

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## Musicians

### Carl Thomas



Carl Thomas Emotional  
(Bad Boy/Arista)

In the times of over-sampled beats, weak balladeers, and catchy, pop-inspired bubble gum songs, it's nice to turn to Carl Thomas, Chicago native Carl Thomas manages to escape the trends that his label is usually known for.

Thomas' velvet voices draws appreciation as he belts out romantic selections of love, admiration, trist, separation, pain and ecstasy. "On Lady Lay Your Body," Thomas leads his lady through a rose-petal candle-lit evening with a soft, soothing track, and "Hush Now," which accompanies Thomas' voice with a piano-tickled track with violins also evoking that longing mood.

Thomas also creates out the more upbeat tempo mood with "I Wish," his tale of falling in love with a married woman, and drops a sharp spoken word session in the interlude, "Trouble Won't Last."

However, what the album lacks is variety. It seems like most of the songs have slow tracks with violins or the light hip-hop enhanced beats that are not needed and contains interludes that do nothing to enhance the listener's experience, like the whack "Candid Rap."

Still, Thomas does establish himself by himself, crystallizing a secure spot among the Bad Boy family. His unique R&B voice manages to surpass that ever-growing pool of male vocalists that have saturated the industry, and the album does provide enough selections to



Various Artists Platinum R&B Party (Legacy/Sony)

This LP brings together some of R&B's most popular tunes and artists, guaranteeing listeners a pleasurable experience.

Highlighting this album are the tunes from the divas from the 1970s, like the Emotions, "Best Thing," Diana Ross, "Lady Marmalade," and Cheryl Lynn's "Got To Be Real."

Those who miss the traditional R&B band will find delight in Sly & The Family Stone as they sing "Dance To The Music," "I'm A Belieb," Kool & The Gang, "That Lady (Part 1 and 2)," and "Boogie Wonderland," by Earth, Wind & Fire.

The album briefly touches on some of the male crooners from the late 70s and early 80s with Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing," and "Can't Get Enough Of Your Love, Babe," by Earth, Wind & Fire.

The album briefly touches on

## Big Brotha Soul



Big Brotha Soul

By Rob Williams  
Staff Writer

Many talk about the Tupac Shakur that the public came to know. The outspoken rapper whose lyrics inspired and angered many of his peers, politicians, and society.

But what about the early Tupac? From his days with the Digital Underground, known to his fans as "The Humpty Dance," and "Do Watcha Ya

### Like?

Chopmaster J, one of the front men from Digital Underground, recently cracked open that chapter of Shakur's life in his new book "Shakur: A Very Dismal Account of Shakur's Early Days in the Industry."

Chopmaster J talks about how Shakur joined the group, some of the antics Shakur pulled while they toured with Public Enemy, and Shakur's transition from a young man eager to share

to a person who could not be contacted.

"It was important that his fans have some insight into what happened (during those days with Digital Underground) from a first-hand account," said Chopmaster J, who wrote the book after seeing people on television talking about that period from second-hand accounts.

In the book Chopmaster gets into detail about how Shakur first joined the group, and how

Courtesy of Double Xposure

Shakur almost left music to become the leader of the New Black Panther Party. To keep him around, Digital Underground hired him as a page and a dancer to tour with the group as the opening act for Public Enemy.

Some of the stories shared include Shakur's countless interactions with girls and a few incidents where Shakur was ready to fight the DJ for making an error during the show, and embarrassing moments during the tour.

One such moment happened after a show when the band members were comparing their skills and penis size, and pulled down their pants. Conceidentally, one of the members of the Frut of Islam walked in the door to get an autograph then quickly walked out to their embarrassing moment.

The book also offers some reflections on the Shakur we do not often hear about, the emotional Shakur. One night at a tour spot in Indiana, "Trouble T

he was caught off guard and not able to manipulate the situation," Chopmaster said. "The vulnerability of him was intense."

The book also shows an interesting contrast from the Shakur when they first met him, to the near end of his association with the group. In the beginning, Chopmaster J described a little brother who was obnoxious, but infectious. By the end of the book, he wrote that he and Shakur were not on the same frequency anymore, which inspired him to call the book "Static."

"We just became disconnected," said Chopmaster J of the relationship between him and Shakur. "He came in as my road star, and he became this movie star. He was so much bigger and larger than we were. We just became disconnected and he moved on to bigger and better things."

Shakur became so volatile toward the end of his time with the group, Chopmaster J writes, that he might be a situation where this material "could not be contained in any situation He had to shine."

"It was his nature, his style," said Chopmaster J of Shakur's desire to shine. "It was obvious that he wanted to shine."

Soon, Shakur found his place to shine at Deathrow Records. Chomaster J last had contact with Shakur in 1994 at DU member Shock-G's wedding. Two years later, Chopmaster J got word of Shakur's death.

"I was really tripping. I felt the loss and looked right up to the sky, and it was a really trippy feeling," said Chopmaster J.

As the years went along, another brother, Chopmaster J, who now goes by the name Big Brotha Soul and lives in the San Francisco Bay area, would say he would not be surprised if it was true.

"I don't know much about the other brothers, but I do know that they're all good people and conspiracies. He did drugs, and was involved in an Atlanta cop shooting. He was a smart guy I won't be surprised," Chopmaster J said.

## MUSIC NOTES

### Puffy vents anger at New York Post

Sean "Puffy" Combs recently talked about about a New York Post article on April 15, alleging that he was being investigated by a grand jury for wiretapping. Instead of being interviewed publicly to cover up his actions in the club shooting at a New York City club last December, according to a report by Vibe Online.

"I am distraught by the New York Post's story. It is completely false. In fact, I told the absolute truth when I testified before the grand jury, and I will continue to do so until I am fully exonerated," Combs is due back in court on May 16.

Combs is due back in court on



Sean "Puffy" Combs

### Raphael Saadiq explains Lucy Pearl's name

Raphael Saadiq, one third of the new group Lucy Pearl, recently talked about the group's name and the musical diversity of the group. "I just want to say something that I don't know, we was just chillin' one night, I was like 'Lucy, Lucy, Lucy, Lucy, Lucy Pearl!' I'm used to dealing with names. I came up with the Tony's and the Nick's names from the first album. I kind of try to come up with something that's gonna be different for our listeners, and kinda like old and new. That's what we came up with, and we stuck with that."



Article reveals Carey's diva demands

**Q** Magazine recently published an article revealing some of Mariah Carey's diva-esque requests as reported to the magazine by an record company employee.

According to the source, Carey requests that pink toilet paper be in her room when she checks in at a hotel. She also claims that she has an affinity for drinking out of crystal glasses, and during a trip to England for MTV, requested that the staff greet her with cheerleaders and that she have a litter of puppies and kittens around for her, according to the report.



Mariah Carey

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**Brandy celebrates 'Moesha' syndication contract**

By Rob Williams  
Staff Writer

**NEW YORK CITY** — Like her hit songs, "Sittin' On Top Of The World," Brandy was doing just that as she appeared at Fifth's Jackson restaurant in New York City to celebrate the recent acquisition of syndication rights by the African Heritage Network, founded by Frank Mercadante, president of her hit television show, "Moesha."

"Moesha" currently airs on the United Paramount Network Mondays at 8 p.m., PT/ET.

"I am not good at speeches but I am grateful for the speeches coming out tonight," Moesha's Brandy said to the crowd that included gossip columnist Plo Anthony and MTV VJ Ananda Lewis.

"For Big Ticket, Moesha was our first network series. But it's equally exciting to see her go

from this beautiful young girl to this beautiful woman," said Senior Vice President of Big Ticket/Paramount, which oversaw the show.

"I am very excited and I am very very proud and proud of our accomplishment and I am very thankful we made it into the fifth season going into the sixth," said Sonja Norwood, Brandy's mother and manager.

"I do find that it is very difficult. I think the criticism I receive is not fair, but that is what I am here to do. When it comes to my kids, you can't tell me how to raise them."

Brandy also added that it is very difficult "Not to be afraid of raising my children in the industry. I think the criticism I receive is not fair, but that is not what I am here to do. When it comes to my kids, you can't tell me how to raise them."

"Moesha" is about a black

teenager who goes through the coming of age experiences that many teenagers have gone through. Set in California, the series also stars Sheryl Lee Ralph as the stepmother, and has featured many artists on the

well. After the series became a hit, many reports started being published that spoke of bad blood between Brandy and Countess Vaughn, mainly over who was the lead star of the show. Following this, Brandy collapsed one day last year and had to take a break to recuperate.

Then a buzz surrounded the show when it was reported that producer/writer Vida Spears was leaving the show when she refused to let Brandy become more involved with the writing for the show.

In addition, Brandy also released her second album in 1998, which feature "Mona" on his single "Mona Boy Is Mine," and "Mona" on "Sittin' On Top Of The World," and also toured during the last year as well as co-starring in "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer."



Brandy

File photo

show, including Usher and "The Parkers" Countess Vaughn.

But in its success, the show has had its trying moments as

**Toyota Comedy Festival returns to New York June 1-10**

**NEW YORK** — The Toyota Comedy Festival, the biggest festival of its kind in the U.S., presents its eighth and biggest season with more than 20 comedians performing at 70 different events at over 30 plus venues June 1-10.

Sponsored by the Greater New York City Dodge Dealers Association and Comedy Central, the 10-day festival is unprecedented in scope, with an exciting and dizzying array of established and aspiring comedians and a decidedly New York bent.

In the realization of every New York comic's dream, Jon Stewart, proclaimed Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" host will headline. Carnegie Hall on June 8. Mervin will fill the rest of New York with TV stars and stand-up standouts from Mark Curry, formerly of ABC's "Home Improvement" with Mr. Cooper, and the new "Home Improvement" game show "Don't Forget Your Toothbrush," and John Henton of ABC's "The Hughleys," at the landmark Apollo Theater to an authentic Friars Club Salute to Legends: Norm Crosby and Jack Carter.

Also showcased are dozens of contemporary comedy greats — many, like Kathy Griffin, Robert Schimmel, Janeane Garofalo, and Karen Kain, who have appeared regularly on Comedy Central. This year, Griffin will headline The Comedy Theater for the Toyota Laughwell Benefit for Morrisania Memorial Hospital in New Jersey.

As in the past, several events are free and open to the public, including the "Comedy in Bryant Park" series, readings at Barnes & Noble and the "Toyota Comedy Film Festival" at The Screening Room.

The Toyota Comedy Festival is produced by founders Alan King, John Schreiber and George Wein.

Showcases outside of New York City include events at Long Island's Comedy Cabaret in Long Beach (with headliner Bob Nelson); Robert Schimmel's specials in New Jersey (Bobby Collins, Brian Regan, "Testosterone Light" hosted by WNEW's Chuck Nice); and Long Island's Westbury Music Fair (Catstails at the Westbury Music Fair, Jersey, Kathy Griffin at The Community Theater for the Toyota Laughwell Benefit for Morrisania Memorial Hospital).

**Montel Williams announces poetry contest**

Montel Williams File photo

New York, NY — Emmy Award Winner Montel Williams has announced the establishment of The Cure or Multiple Sclerosis Poetry Contest. The contest is open to all amateur poets and entry is free. The winner will receive \$1,000 from The International Society of Poets, and an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to appear on The Montel Williams Show. An additional 114 prizes will also be awarded.

"I feel truly honored to unite with The International Society of Poets, providing this creative way to raise funds for this charitable cause," stated Williams. "I'm pleased to announce that ISP will be donating one dollar to The Multiple Sclerosis Research Fund in the name of each poet who enters this contest, with a minimum of a \$25,000 donation."

The International Society of Poets, dedicated to advancing the works of amateur poets to the public attention, has published the works of over 1.4 million amateur poets on its web site, www.poetry.com, and is the largest organization of its kind in the world with members from over 60 nations.

"I urge every poet to enter this contest. By entering, you will not only have a chance to win, but you will be contributing to research and treatment of finding a cure for this debilitating disease," added Williams.

Any poet may enter this free contest simply by sending one poem, 20 lines or less, any subject (the poem does not have to be about MS) any style to: Montel Poetry Contest, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117, or by entering online at www.poetry.com/montel. New poets are encouraged to enter. All entrants will receive a response and autographed picture as personal thanks from Williams.

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— Four new plays, a new musical about Nelson Mandela starring Montel Williams, a variety Slam for high school and college students will be featured in Crossroads Theatre Company's "GENESIS FESTIVAL 2000, New Voices in African-American Theatre," the 11th annual festival. The New week at Crossroads Theatre, 7 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, April 29 to May 7th. In addition to Brooks, another one of the most popular actors appearing at the Genesis Festival will be Joe Morton, who is set to star in Kathleen Turner's Anderson's new 5 MOJO SECRETS.

Tickets to the Genesis Festival weekend sale April 8th to the general public.

A popular event since it was started in 1990, the Genesis Festival features staged readings of new works that focus on African and African-American experi-

ences. The Genesis Festival has been the breeding ground for numerous plays and musicals that have gone on to receive fully-staged productions at Crossroads Theatre, recipient of the 1999 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. For more information, call (732) 249-5551.

**AMERICAN STAGE COMPANY ANNOUNCES AINT MISBEHAVIN'**

— The American Stage Company has announced a change in its season lineup. Originally slated for its season finale, Mattie Parent, acting Artistic Director, announced the season will conclude with the award-winning Fats Waller musical "Aint Misbehavin'" April 28 to May 21, at the Walter Kerr Theatre.

"Aint Misbehavin'" features the written and recorded works of Fats Waller and includes such hits as "Tain't Nobody's Business If I Do," "Hot Guckle Rose," "Keen' Outta Mischief Now," "I've Got a Feeling I'm Falling," "Spreading Rhythm Around."

and the masterpiece "Ain't Misbehavin'." Jim Weaver, director from his Lincoln Center triple bill of "Mister Christian," will direct and choreograph, a cast of Broadway's best that includes: Teaneck's own award-winning actress Cheryl Howard; Monique Madiget of Broadway's "Civilians"; and Marsha Kristine, Vicki Victoria's Christopher Morgan; Civil War's Wayne Pretlow; and Gwen Stewart, original cast member of the Tony Award-winning musical "Ragtime." Broadway veterans Ron Metcalf will music direct.

The theatre is a not-for-profit professional theatre, in residence on the campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck. The company offers performances at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays; 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays; 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets range from \$20 to \$30 depending on the performance date. For more information, call (201) 692-7744.

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## Step into my parlor...



Photos by Noah Murray and Gilda Rogers

By Gilda Rogers  
Staff Writer

**H**ere I am chillin' in my parlor and let me tell you, I love the ambience of this room. Whatever happened to parlors?

They're a throwback to the Victorian era, when furnishings were characterized by ornate design and splendid beauty. When I set out to decorate this room, I was thinking different — not your traditional country and western love seat. I don't mean to offend anyone, but this type of decor can be down right boring and lacks personality. However it is a safe way to decorate and even in these rooms you should find ways to inject your very own personality with unique collectibles.

Like your style of dress, your home should also capture the essence of you — collect items that speak to you, they may not say much to someone else but like this burgundy brocade chaise lounge, which I found at the Goodwill around, it represents to me — time when life was easy — like Sunday morning.

The first thing you want to do is find that special piece and build from there. In my case, I started with three special pieces.

**paper mache bust of Moses holding the sacred tablets**



burgundy and lavender hues, which compliment the wall hanging, chaise lounge and lavender walls.

### Used Furniture Stores

The room did not come together overnight, so time is very important in creating that special signature room. And because I was openminded, a very small budget being selective was a time consuming thing. I spent a lot of time in used furniture stores. These places are golden when it comes to finding unique items. I found that I made at an exorbitant price was the lounge, which cost \$400. Everything else in this room was either cheap, cheap, cheap or cost nothing. The foam green wicker chair that sits in front of the window came from a used furniture store at \$75. It's a unique and well made piece. It has a stripe classic wing chair, which

unites every other in the room was purchased at The Red Barn Used Furniture Store. With its claw feet, this piece was absolutely the best find, since it looked like it was spanking brand new and \$100. The lamps, you've got it, were found at a used furniture store in Plainfield and cost a whopping \$20 for the pair.

### Color

Don't be afraid of color it can make a room come alive. This room, which is painted in a pale lavender and trimmed in a delicious cantaloupe melon also served as the color that converted an utility ladder into a decorative item to hold my little trinkets and knicknacks. I purchased gold plated wall socket covers (these different colors) and placed them on the gilded frames of all the wall hangings. The drapes which are the cheapest you can buy — sheers — are a focal point in the room, which cost \$4.99 a panel at Value City. They're in array of shades — which represent every color in the room.

### Fabric

Old sheer curtains (in melon) that once dressed my kitchen windows now serve as end table-top dressing. The tables which are your basic \$4.99 round three-legged tables purchased from K-Mart take on a totally different look. I purchased them at the fabric store, Jo-Ann's Fabrics and threw it over the tables and let it fall to the floor to form what's called a "puddle" look.

### Flooring

Very important element in decorating. In this room, I removed the outdated carpeting, which revealed a hard wood floor that needed a lot of work to get it into shape. I stripped the floor myself, which I'm operate off of a small budget, and then stained it a warm "Bombay Mahogany" (a burgundy hue). Atop the floor I purchased a melon 6x9 area rug at Value City for \$39. To create a separate room within the room,

divided part of the floor near the front window and had the floor made into squares, which also pulled up every color in the room, for \$1 a piece at a local carpet store. This created such a special look that it usually turns into a conversation piece. The room is filled with original pieces and family treasures.

Overall, I spent less than \$800 to decorate this room, which is a bargain when you consider a sofa alone can cost this much or more. But what makes this room so special is that I see it as a creative work of art. Not everyone will like it, but the point I'm making is that it suits me, well. And most people who visit my home usually fall in love with it too — it's just that kind of room!

**Note:** Angel Wings by Lavera Ross, was a picture I received for free for hosting a Black Art show in my home. I saw the picture at a show I had attended and could not afford it, so I hosted a show specifically to receive a discount. The show was a tremendous success and not only did we receive this free, but another piece also.

It's amazing how creative you can become when you have limited funds, wouldn't you agree?



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(b) All African-American and Hispanic persons who have been prevented or discouraged from applying for entry-level jobs as State Troopers since January 1993 because of the defendant's college requirement for such positions

or who are currently prevented or discouraged from applying for such positions because of requirements or who will be prevented or discouraged from applying for such positions because of any educational requirement above high school.

The African-Americans and Hispanics who personally filed complaints with the "plaintiffs" have filed suit against the State Police, in particular, plaintiffs challenging discrimination used in the Law Enforcement Classification Report (LECR), the defendant's educational requirements, and the defendant's recruiting practices. The lawsuit claims that these requirements discriminate against African-American and Hispanic applicants in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. The State Police admits that it has engaged in discrimination and deports that it has unlawfully used selection and recruitment practices that discriminated against African-American and Hispanic applicants. In addition to the individual African-Americans and Hispanics, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the New Jersey State Conference of Branches, NAACP, are pursuing this lawsuit.

The plaintiffs and the defendant have agreed to settle this lawsuit without a trial. The settlement will not take effect unless the Court grants final approval to the settlement.

This lawsuit is a class action, which means that the plaintiffs are representing your interests as well as their own interests. If the settlement is finally approved, it will bind you and you will not be able to file your own lawsuit about the same issue. You must file your own lawsuit if you do not like the use of the LECR or the educational requirements for hiring of State Troopers by the New Jersey State Police.

The Court has ordered that this information be provided to you so that you can decide whether to approve the proposed settlement or object to the proposed settlement and try to persuade the Court to not give it final approval.

If you decide to make an objection, you must file it with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Law Division, Mercer County Courthouse, 171 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08601. In order to be considered, the Clerk must receive your objection by June 15, 2000. Your objection must be in writing and must state the reasons why you object postmarked by that date. It will only be on time if it is received by the Clerk by that date. Any objection must include the name of this case, "NAACP v. New Jersey," the number of this case, "MERL-002687-98," the name, address, and telephone number of the objector, whether the objector will appear at the hearing, and the grounds of the objection.

If you are in favor of the settlement and want it to be approved, there is no need to file anything.

The following is a summary of the most important terms of the proposed settlement:

a) Recruitment: The State Police has made substantial changes in its recruitment program, to reflect the diversity of the qualified available pool. If these changes are not effective in substantially achieving that diversity for any class, the plaintiff may ask the Court to order changes in the recruitment program.

b) Education: Paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of the proposed Consent Order state:

12. Prior to 1993, State Troopers were only required to have a high school education. Beginning in January 1993 with the 114th Class, the State Police instituted a new educational requirement for applicants for State Trooper positions. This requirement was that applicants must have completed at least two years of college, including one year of military service or two years of police experience. This requirement has remained in effect since 1993.

13. For three years after the preliminary approval of this settlement, the State Police will not use a four-year college degree requirement on an exclusive basis. But will use the following requirement: either (i) a four-year college degree from an accredited college or university or (ii) Associate's degree or the successful (e. "c" average) completion of sixty credits of college courses, including at least two years of college, including one year of military experience in commanding an honorable discharge, or two years of satisfactorily experience employment.

The State Police agrees that it will not make a distinction among recruits, cadets, or entry-level State Troopers, setting an educational requirement, based on which two ways described in this paragraph they selected the requirement.

14. The State Police shall be free to employ a four-year college degree requirement on an exclusive basis, after three years of recruitment, the State Police demonstrates that it has been successful in recruiting invited applicants to take the written examination having a four-year college degree. That on a cumulative basis, at least 22% African-American and at least 10% Hispanic applicants will have taken the written examination and displayed performance for one class. The State Police agrees that it will be able to satisfy this standard if it complies with the provision of 13 above for the recruitment of entry-level State Troopers for an additional four years. During this period, the State Police will be free to seek prospective relief on the college education requirement pursuant to the Third Amended Complaint.

c) Testing: As long as the Consent Order lasts, which will be in effect for three years, the State Police will use a selection device other than the LECR (which the State Police was encouraged to use by the U.S. Department of

Justice and which it has used for the 114th through the 118th classes) for hiring of State Troopers. Paragraph 16(b) of the proposed Consent Order states: "In determining what examination or examinations to use in place of the LECR, and in determining their manner of use, the State Police has agreed to consider the use of more objective methods of selection, if those tools upon available validity studies and impact data, are likely to be good predictors of job performance and have been used successfully by other law enforcement agencies." African Americans and Hispanics that the selection device and manner of use previously used, and then other examinations or examinations that the State Police scores on the examination shall not be considered for the selection purpose in the selection process, in training, in initial assignments, or for any other post-employment purpose, except as otherwise provided in this Settlement Order. The State will share information with the plaintiffs, and both sides will have access to the plaintiffs' expert, Dr. Richard L. Rose, Ph.D. The plaintiffs' expert is the only person that will be allowed to provide input to the State Police regarding the selection device. The plaintiffs' expert assert that these provisions will substantially increase the numbers of African-American and Hispanic candidates who are hired.

d) Relief for class members: The State Police has already complied with most of paragraph 23 (a) of the proposed Consent Order by inviting the entire class of 114th State Police Academy students to reapply for the 118th State Police Academy class, the 118th Academy classic to reapply for the 119th or 120th State Police Academy classes. The proposed Consent Order also provides that "Entry-level State Troopers who re-apply, and who are not subject to discrimination for any of the reasons set forth at page 2 of the application form, shall be treated as if they had graduated from the 114th State Police Academy."

e) Age Limit: Paragraph 24 of the proposed Consent Order states that because of New Jersey law, "the State Police cannot waive this maximum age limit for applicants of not having graduated their 35th birthday at the time of application to the State Police Academy." However, class members who re-apply under the provisions of 23, and who are already members of the New Jersey Police and Fire Retirement System, will be considered for pension purposes as if they had graduated from the State.

Police Academy as of the date of their enrollment in the New Jersey Police and Fire Retirement System, and will be credited in the State Police Retirement System. The sum of the amounts credited in the New Jersey Police and Fire Retirement System.

f) Monetary relief for class members: There is no monetary relief for individual class members in this case, in part because of the difficulty of providing whole class members with monetary relief. However, the State Police will be required to make up the difference between the amount of money that each class member would have received if the change in the State Police will be required to make under the Consent Order.

g) Monetary Relief for the Named Plaintiffs: The State Police will provide monetary relief to the individual named plaintiffs in this case, in the amount of \$100,000 each, in the case of Robert Guzman and Ryan Marsh will receive \$50,000 each, Antonio Melendez, Antonio Poyer, and Sean Williams will receive \$25,000 each, Jamal Poyer, and Sean Williams will receive \$10,000 each, and Sean Carter will receive \$10,000.

h) Attorneys Fees and Costs: The State Police will pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs(including expert fees) incurred by the named plaintiffs in this case, as there is no agreement at this time on the amounts to be paid. The plaintiff attorneys have informed the State Police that they will not charge any attorney fees or expenses for future services in monitoring the defendant's compliance with the Consent Order, and in defending the Consent Order from attack. The State Police will make reports to plaintiffs' lawyers throughout the time this Consent Order remains in effect.

i) Court Oversight: The Court will keep jurisdiction over this case for a period of at least three years. If the State Police does not desegregate that will be a violation of the Consent Order.

j) Dissemination of College Degrees: All African-American and Hispanic college degrees pursuant to this Consent Order during that time, this Consent Order will be violated if the State Police does not make sure that the State Police will make reports to plaintiffs' lawyers throughout the time this Consent Order remains in effect.

You have the right to get a copy of the Consent Order, which provides additional details.

Copies are available directly at the following location:

Division of State Police

Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Bureau

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